



**Service of Process  
Transmittal**

04/09/2021

CT Log Number 539354493

**TO:** Karin K Ashford  
Penn National Gaming, Inc.  
825 BERKSHIRE BLVD STE 200  
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**RE: Process Served in Louisiana**

**FOR:** Penn National Gaming, Inc. (Domestic State: PA)

**ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:**

**TITLE OF ACTION:** GARY DURBON, PLTF. vs. PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC., ETC., ET AL., DFTS.

**DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:** -

**COURT/AGENCY:** None Specified  
Case # 2021000868

**NATURE OF ACTION:** Personal Injury - Failure to Maintain Premises in a Safe Condition

**ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:** C T Corporation System, Baton Rouge, LA

**DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:** By Process Server on 04/09/2021 at 08:41

**JURISDICTION SERVED :** Louisiana

**APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:** None Specified

**ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):** None Specified

**ACTION ITEMS:** CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 04/09/2021, Expected Purge Date: 04/14/2021  
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**EXHIBIT**

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GARY DURBON  
VS. 2021-000868  
PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC



Citation  
14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court  
State of Louisiana  
Parish of Calcasieu

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

TO: PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC D/B/A L'AUBERGE CASINO RESORT,  
LAKE CHARLES  
THROUGH CT CORPORATION  
SYSTEM  
3867 PLAZA TOWER DRIVE  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Defendant in said suit:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR before said Court, for said Parish, and to comply with the demand contained in the petition of GARY DURBON, (PETITION FOR DAMAGES) against you, certified copy of which petition accompanies this citation, or file your answers thereto in writing in the office of the Clerk of Court, at the Courthouse, in the City of Lake Charles, in said Parish, within fifteen (15) days after the service hereof, under penalty of default.

Witness the Honorable Judges of said Court, at Lake Charles, Louisiana, this 8th day of March 2021.

Issued and delivered April 6, 2021

Byron Wilkinson

Deputy Clerk of Court

SERVICE INFORMATION

Received on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, served the above named party as follows:

PERSONAL SERVICE on the party herein named \_\_\_\_\_

DOMICILIARY SERVICE on the party herein named by leaving the same at his domicile in the parish in the hands of \_\_\_\_\_, a person apparently over the age of seventeen years, living and residing in said domicile and whose name and other facts connected with this service, I learned by interrogating the said person, said party herein being absent from his residence at the time of said service.

RETURNED:

PARISH OF \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

SERVICE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Sheriff

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2021-8108

Date 3-8-21 DIVISION 9

GARY DURBON Check # 200622

From St. Louis

VERSUS Amt \$549.00

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PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC., D/B/A L'AUBERGE CASINO RESORT, LAKE CHARLES, AND GAMING AND LEISURE PROPERTIES, INC.

FILED: MAR 08 2021

Keri Baerhile  
DEPUTY CLERK

PETITION FOR DAMAGES

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes Petitioner, GARY DURBON, who respectfully represents the following:

PARTIES

1. Petitioner **GARY DURBON**, ("Mr. Durbon") is an individual residing in Bexar County, Texas at 11911 Devin Chase, San Antonio, Texas 78253.
2. Defendant **GAMING AND LEISURE PROPERTIES, INC.** ("GAMING PROPERTIES") is a Pennsylvania corporation and real estate investment trust (REIT). GAMING PROPERTIES is not registered to do business in Louisiana, but it is amenable to suit here, and may be served via the Louisiana Long Arm Statute.
3. Defendant **PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC., d/b/a L'AUBERGE CASINO RESORT, LAKE CHARLES** ("PENN") is a Pennsylvania corporation authorized to do and doing business in Louisiana with its principal business office in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. PENN may be served through its registered agent CT Corporation System at 3867 Plaza Tower Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. The amount in controversy is sufficient to justify the jurisdiction of the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for Calcasieu Parish.
5. Venue is proper in Calcasieu Parish pursuant to Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 74.

JOINT, SEVERAL, AND IN SOLIDO LIABILITY

6. The above-named Defendants (collectively "Defendants") are liable jointly, severally, and in solido for all damages to be shown at the time of trial, including legal interest and all costs of



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these proceedings for the following acts of negligence.

**INVITEE**

7. At the time of the incident described herein, Mr. Durbon was an invitee at the L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, ("L'Auberge Casino") located at 777 Ave L'Auberge, Lake Charles, LA 70601.

**FACTS**

8. The L'Auberge Casino is a huge casino hotel in Lake Charles, Louisiana. It is owned by GAMING PROPERTIES and operated by PENN.
9. On or about June 6, 2020, an unidentified person spills liquid on the floor of the L'Auberge Casino lobby, near the entrance. (hereinafter referred to as the "hazardous condition").
10. An unidentified person working for L'Auberge Casino sees the liquid on the floor, and leaves it there unmarked, and unattended.
11. Mr. Durbon walks through the L'Auberge Casino lobby, and slips on the liquid.
12. Mr. Durbon crashes into the floor and a cement column near the door, he hurts his back, hip, both wrists, both shoulders, knees, and body in general.
13. PENN has video footage in its possession showing these alleged facts.
14. Mr. Durbon's injuries and damages are a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence.

**DEFENDANTS' DUTY**

15. Defendants owe Mr. Durbon, and other invitees of the L'Auberge Casino, duties of care under at least four Louisiana laws.

**La. R.S. 9:2800.6**

16. The Defendants, as owners, managers, maintainers, installers, repairers, and/or occupiers of the L'Auberge Casino, are merchants for the purposes of La. R.S. 9:2800.6.
17. Defendants owe a duty to Mr. Durbon and other persons who use their premises to exercise reasonable care to keep aisles, passageways, and floors in a reasonably safe condition.
18. Defendants' duty includes a reasonable effort to keep the premises free of any hazardous conditions which reasonably might give rise to damage.
19. They also have a duty to exercise reasonable care to correct such condition after Defendants knew, or by the exercise of reasonable care should have known, of the dangerous condition.
20. Defendants failed to exercise such reasonable care.

La. Civ. Code Art. 660

21. The Defendants, as owners, managers, maintainers, installers, repairers, and/or occupiers of the L'Auberge Casino, owe a duty to Mr. Durbon and other persons who use their premises, to keep their buildings in repair and to exercise reasonable care in maintaining their property under La. Civ. Code Art. 660.
22. Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known of the hazardous condition which caused Mr. Durbon's damages.
23. Mr. Durbon's damages could have been prevented by the exercise of reasonable care.
24. Defendants failed to exercise such reasonable care.

La. Civ. Code Art. 2317 & 2317.1

25. The L'Auberge Casino was within the Defendants' custody for purposes of La. Civ. Code Art. 2317 when the hazardous condition caused Mr. Durbon's fall and injuries.
26. Defendants have a duty to maintain the L'Auberge Casino in a reasonably safe condition for the use of its invitees.
27. Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known of the hazardous condition that caused Mr. Durbon's damages, and the damages could have been prevented if the Defendants had exercised reasonable care.
28. Defendants failed to exercise such reasonable care.

La. Civ. Code Art. 2315

29. The Defendants, as owners, managers, maintainers, installers, repairers, and/or occupiers of the L'Auberge Casino, owe a duty to keep the property in a reasonably safe condition, to discover any unreasonably dangerous condition on the premises, and to correct that condition, or warn potential victims of its existence.
30. Defendants failed to exercise such reasonable care.

BREACH/NEGLIGENCE

31. Mr. Durbon's injuries and associated damages are a direct and proximate cause of one or more of the following negligent acts or omissions by Defendants:
  - a. Failing to provide proper and safe ingress and egress to and from its property;
  - b. Failing to warn invitees, including Mr. Durbon, of the hazardous condition;
  - c. Failing to maintain the premises in a reasonably safe condition;
  - d. Permitting a hazardous condition to remain;

- e. Failing to reasonably inspect the premises for defects, vices, and hazardous conditions, and/or failing to take reasonable and appropriate actions as a result of inspections;
- f. Failing to correct the hazardous condition;
- g. Creating and/or allowing a hazardous condition and/or unreasonable risk of harm to exist which the Defendants' knew, or in the exercise of reasonable and ordinary care, should have known existed on its premises;
- h. Failing to remove or eliminate the hazardous condition existing on its premises;
- i. Failing to implement and/or enforce policies and procedures to warn, eliminate, or prevent the incident described herein;
- j. Any and all other acts of negligence, fault, or imprudence which may be proven during the trial of this matter.

**PROXIMATE CAUSE (DAMAGES)**

32. As a direct and proximate result of the occurrences made the basis of this lawsuit, Mr. Durbon was caused to suffer bodily injuries to his back, hip, both wrists, both shoulders, knees, and body in general. Some of these injuries are to a reasonable probability, permanent in nature. Mr. Durbon has been physically impaired and, to a reasonable probability, will be physically impaired for a long time, if not for the balance of his natural life.

**DAMAGES**

33. As a proximate result of the Defendants' negligence, as stated above, Mr. Durbon suffers the following injuries and damages:

- a. Past and future physical pain and suffering;
- b. Past and future mental anguish;
- c. Past and future loss of enjoyment of life;
- d. Past and future medical expenses;
- e. Past and future physical impairment;
- f. Past and future physical disfigurement
- g. Past and future inconvenience;
- h. Lost wages in the past; and,
- i. Loss of wage-earning capacity in the future.

Each of the above acts and omissions, taken singularly or in combination, constitutes negligence and/or negligence per se and was a proximate cause of Mr. Durbon's injuries and damages.

**JURY DEMAND**

34. Mr. Durbon demands a trial by jury.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Durbon prays Defendants be duly cited and served with a copy of this Petition and that, after all legal delays and due proceedings, this Court enter a judgment reasonable to compensate Mr. Durbon for all damages and interest caused by Defendants' negligence.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PLEASE RETURN A STAMPED PETITION AND CITATION FOR SERVICE VIA  
LOUISIANA LONG ARM STATUTE TO THE BELOW DEFENDANT:**

**GAMING AND LEISURE PROPERTIES, INC.**  
via the Louisiana Long Arm Statute  
through its registered agent  
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